MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): I want a definite answer. May I take it that they are not disqualified? The rules do not say whether they are qualified or disqualified.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because the rules did not contemplate a situation like that.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): I am not satisfied with that.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is quite different.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know from the member what is the objection to allowing a lady candidate to appear for the examination and securing a pass?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The whole matter is being considered.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Whether a job is given to the lady candidates in the department or not what is the objection to the Government allowing her to sit for the examination and taking a pass?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand the object of a lady taking a pass in the Anchal Test Examination, if it is not to get entry into the department. I do not understand the merits of passing the examination, if there is no intention to get into the department.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Suppose a lady takes it into her head to pass the examination, what is the objection to the Government to allow her to sit for the examination?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is this objection to be considered, that it obliges Government practically to take her into the department, once she passes the examination.

Collection of Toll from the Kuzhittura Tollgate.

264. MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of toll collected from the Kuzhittura tollgate during each of the years ending 1104;

(*b*) the purpose for which the amount was collected.

(*c*) whether representations were made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly regarding the shifting and abolition of the tollgate at Kuzhittura and the subsidiary gates;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reply given by the Government last year; and

(*e*) whether the orders have been carried out by the Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement * showing the annual collections from the Kuzhittura tollgate from 1089 (the year in which it was established) to 1104 is laid on the table.

(*b*) In order to meet at least a portion of the heavy expenditure incurred on the repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges.

* *Vide* Appendix XXXIX—page 796.

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(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In reply to the representation made by Mr. R. Narayana Pillai, Member, Vilavankod taluk, at the last Session of the Assembly, the Dewan said that he would ask the Chief Engineer to re-examine the question whether it would be possible to have only one gate in the place of the two tollgates at Kuzhittura.

(*e*) A reference has been made to the Chief Engineer.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know the nature of the reference made to the Chief Engineer? Is it to stop the tollgate or to shift the tollgate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has been asked to make a report with reference to the representation made in the Assembly.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): I have asked in part (*c*) whether representations were made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly on this subject. The reply is that a representation was made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and that the Dewan said that he would ask the Chief Engineer to re-examine the question whether it would be possible to have only one gate in the place of the two tollgates at Kuzhittura. May I know whether the orders have been carried out, and if so, the nature of the order?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): What is generally done in such cases is, the attention of the Head of the Department is invited to the representation made in the Assembly and the Dewan's reply thereto and he is asked to send up a report in the light of that; so that no specific point has been raised.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Are the Government aware of the contents of the Chief Engineer's report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The report has not been received by the Government.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): The member has stated that a reference has been made by the Government to the Chief Engineer. May I know the nature of the reference, whether it is to stop or to shift the tollgate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer will have to consider the whole question and make a report. And then Government will apply their mind to it.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know how many tollgates there are at Kuzhittura?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Two, I think. In fact, that is the point raised.

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MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): There are three tollgates at Kuzhittura.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information is noted.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): I simply wanted to draw the attention of the House to the fact that year before the last there was one tollgate, last year there were two and now there are three.

PRESIDENT: That is not a question. You are making a speech.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I get a pointed answer from the member to my question whether any reference has been made by the Government to the Chief Engineer regarding the abolition of the tollgate or the shifting of it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that reference has been made by the Government to the Chief Engineer.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government have got a copy of the reference in the file?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No, it is not before me.

PRESIDENT: You will find as replies to parts (*d*) and (*e*) that the Dewan said that he would ask the Chief Engineer to re-examine the question whether it would be possible to have only one gate in the place of the two tollgates at Kuzhittura and that a reference has been made to the Chief Engineer. It seems to me that it makes it quite clear.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): I will explain the position, Sir. Our grievance was only about the number of tollgates. Now we have 3 tollgates at Kuzhittura. I want to place before the Government the difficulties experienced by us in having 3 tollgates. We do not come here with a bad tendency to find fault with officers. I simply want to place before the Government our difficulties. We represented this matter in the Assembly.

PRESIDENT: That is a new point you are raising about 3 toll gates.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Sir, it is the point at issue. Sir, in part (*c*) of my question, I have clearly stated about the abolition of the tollgate and about the shifting of the tollgate. The reply is that a reference was made to the Chief Engineer. My point was only to reduce the number of tollgates.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information given by the member that there are 3 tollgates is noted and will be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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Appendix XXXIX.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 264.**

Collections from Kuzhittura Tollgate from 1089-1104.

Year.	*Amount.* Rs.
1089	13,436
1090	10,550
1091	12,800
1092	13,020
1093	13,215
1094	13,510
1095	13,965
1096	14,000
1097	29,195
1098	26,150
1099	29,450
1100	35,705
1101	44,150
1102	55,500
1103	73,000
1104	95,000

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